

Monroe County Hurricane Preparation – Shelters

Five Hard Facts About Hurricane Shelters in the Florida Keys

1. Monroe County may not have enough shelter spaces for Category 1 or 2 hurricanes. This is especially true in the Lower Keys and Key West.
2. There are no shelters in Monroe County that will be safe in the most deadly hurricanes (Category 3, 4, 5). These shelters will remain close during these most dangerous hurricanes. You must evacuate the mainland.
3. The purpose of a Shelter is to provide a safe haven from the storm. DO NOT EXPECT substantial meals or comfort items. If you want special foods, bedding or entertainment, you MUST provide it yourself. Please see "What to bring to a Shelter".
4. NO MEDICAL CARE will be available at these shelters. If you expect to need medical care, you should make your own arrangements to evacuate to a medical facility on the mainland.
5. Absolutely no pets, alcohol, or weapons will be permitted in the shelters. The shelter manager is in charge, and all will have a law enforcement officer. All laws will be strictly enforced.

Persons going to Shelters in Monroe County

Since Monroe County shelters WILL NOT BE OPENED in Category 3, 4, or 5 hurricanes, you will need to evacuate to the mainland (see below).

Evacuation Zone 1 - Boundaries: Key West through Shark Key. Includes Stock Island and Big Coppitt. GLYNN ARCHER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL - 1302 White St., Key West

Evacuation Zone 2 - Boundaries: Saddlebunch Keys through Sunshine Key. Includes Bay Point, Sugarloaf, Cudjoe, Summerland, Ramrod, Big Pine and Bahia Honda Keys. SUGARLOAF ELEMENTARY SCHOOL - One block N of US1 on Crane Blvd., MM19.

Evacuation Zone 3 - Boundaries: Seven Mile Bridge through Conch Key. Includes Marathon and Key Colony Beach. STANLEY SWITLIK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL - US1 (Gulfside) approx. MM 48.5. DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS BLDG. - (DAV) US1 (gulfside) MM 51.

Evacuation Zone 4 - Boundaries: Long Key through Islamorada. Includes Layton and Lower Matecumbe Key. ISLAND CHRISTIAN SCHOOL - US1 (gulfside) in Islamorada, approx. MM 83.5.

Evacuation Zone 5 - Boundaries: Windley Key through Mile Marker 94 in Key Largo, including Plantation Key & Tavernier. PLANTATION KEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL - US1 (gulfside) MM90. CORAL SHORES HIGH SCHOOL - US1 (Oceanside) Key Largo, MM 90

Evacuation Zone 6 - Boundaries: MM 94 Key Largo to , but not including, Ocean Reef. KEY LARGO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL _ US1(Oceanside) Key Largo, MM 105. ST JUSTIN CATHOLIC CHURCH - US1 (Gulfside) Key Largo, MM 105.5.

Evacuation Zone 7 - Boundaries: Ocean Reef Club Use Dade County Shelters (see main page below)

Persons Evacuating to Dade County

Monroe County residents seeking public shelter in Dade County should take the FI Turnpike Extension from FI City to Florida International University (F.I.U.) at the US 41/SW 8th St. Exit (MM25X). See map below. This is the officially designated location to provide shelter for Monroe County residents. Do not report to other Dade County shelters as they may not be open. IMPORTANT: Bring items with you as shown in "What to bring to a Shelter".

Upon entering Dade County, turn your radio to station WIOD (610 AM) or WFLC (97.3F) to receive emergency information.

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